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Polynomial Factoring solution (version 695)

1. The quadratic formula says if $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$. Use the quadratic formula to solve the following equation.

$$x^2 - 12x + 44 = 0$$

Simplify your answer(s) as much as possible.

Solution

$$x = \frac{-(-12) \pm \sqrt{(-12)^2 - 4(1)(44)}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{-(-12) \pm \sqrt{144 - 176}}{2(1)}$$

$$x = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{-32}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{12 \pm \sqrt{-16 \cdot 2}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{12 \pm 4\sqrt{2}i}{2}$$

$$x = 6 \pm 2\sqrt{2}i$$

Notice that i is NOT under the square-root radical symbol!!

2. Express the product of $-2 + 4i$ and $8 + 3i$ in standard form $(a + bi)$.

Solution

$$\begin{aligned} &(-2 + 4i) \cdot (8 + 3i) \\ &-16 - 6i + 32i + 12i^2 \\ &-16 - 6i + 32i - 12 \\ &-28 + 26i \end{aligned}$$

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3. Write function $f(x) = x^3 - 14x^2 + 63x - 90$ in factored form. I'll give you a hint: one factor is $(x - 5)$.

Solution

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} & 1 & -14 & 63 & -90 \\ 5 & & 5 & -45 & 90 \\ \hline & 1 & -9 & 18 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x - 5)(x^2 - 9x + 18)$$

$$f(x) = (x - 5)(x - 6)(x - 3)$$

4. Polynomial p is defined below in factored form.

$$p(x) = -(x + 6)^2 \cdot (x + 2) \cdot (x - 1) \cdot (x - 4)^2$$

Sketch a graph of polynomial $y = p(x)$.

